

Town Council Meeting Minutes

North Town Hall

November 13, 2017

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Council Members Washington, Cook, Jackson and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9th, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Mayor Carson swore in Council members Jones and Washington. Since no one else filed for election of the two Council seats other than Council members Jones and Washington, they were automatically placed into their seats.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- The police department participated in Red Ribbon Week at the Elementary School the week of October 23rd through October 27th. Chief Shirer spoke with every class at Dover Elementary School about bullying and staying drug free. The theme of this year's red ribbon week was "Your Future is Key to Stay Drug Free." Over 300 of the school children signed a pledge to stay drug free and to not bully. They also signed a red ribbon week poster that was hung in the Council Chambers.
- Chief Shirer also addressed some problems that the Elementary and High Schools have been having. Mayor Carson and Chief Shirer have scheduled a meeting with Dr. Washington, the school superintendent, on the December the 5th to discuss options.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson introduced Marcus Scarborough of Honor Capital/Save-A-Lot. Honor Capital is a veteran owned company that has partnered with Save-A-Lot to go into food deserts and develop a "hub and spoke" program. The program would use their larger stores to deliver fresh produce and meat to smaller towns that cannot support a larger store. They would build a customized tractor trailer and use it to deliver the groceries to smaller communities. The community members could then shop from the customized tractor trailer. They are trying the program in Kansas and Virginia. If developed for North, the "hub and spoke" program would be a test run for the company in South Carolina. They hope to start as early as summer or fall 2018.
- The Account Statement for October 2017 was reviewed by Council. Mayor Carson noted that the increase in the overall fund balance was a result of the receipt of approximately \$40,000 in penny sales tax money.
- Councilmember Jackson stated that he did not have an update on his Neighborhood Revitalization project. The individual he is working with is gathering paperwork before they can move forward.
- Suzanne Reed gave an update on her work on "Christmas at the North Pole". She is happy with the progress they have made so far but disappointed at lack of participation of town members. The Christmas Committee has been able to secure 25 vendors for the event. They are still looking for toy donations for a free toy raffle for the children. Chuck Darby has been secured as the Grand Marshall of the parade. They have entertainment scheduled for the event but could add more. The Christmas committee is asking for more volunteers to help. Mayor Carson thanked Suzanne Reed, Bridget Salley and Councilmember Cook for all their hard work.
- Mayor Carson swore in Linda Adams for the Municipal Election Commission. A third member for the Election Commission is still being sought by Councilmember Jones to replace the member that stepped down previously.
- Mayor Carson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Jeff Washington for Mayor Pro-tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones, and upon vote was unanimous. Mayor Carson thanked Councilmember Washington for all of his participation and hard work as the previous Mayor Pro-tem.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson read a letter she received from Congressman Joe Wilson congratulating her on the formation of the Mayor's Youth Council. He commended her leadership and for getting young people involved in government.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Washington announced that Dover Elementary has gotten a list together of shoe sizes so that Golden State Foods can donate sneakers to the children. He also thanked Town of North employees David Nettles for fixing the free library for the kids at the park. Councilmember Washington commented that the Neighborhood Walk was a success and that he would like to have another in the spring.
- Councilmember Cook gave an update on her economic development plan. She has been working with Mayor Carson and the Planning committee on holding an Empty Buildings tour. Councilmember Cook is trying to contact the owners of the commercial buildings. The Planning commission is reaching out to real estate agents or anyone interested in opening a business in North.
- Councilmember Washington also gave an update on the progress being made on the installation of the concrete ping pong table being installed at the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 7:49 pm Councilmember Jackson made a motion to move into executive session. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote it was unanimous. Council returned from executive session at 8:12pm. No votes were taken and no decisions were made during executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- Marcus Scarborough, of Honor Capital, signed the sign in sheet and spoke earlier in the evening as he was scheduled on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday December 11th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

Patty Carson

Council Members:

Jeff Washington:

Jeff Washington

Julius Jones:

Julius Jones

Daniel Jackson:

Deborah Cook:

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